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TAGS: ENRG, CA
SUBJ: ENERGY: CANADIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEET
ENERGY SHORTAGES

REF: A. OTTAWA 372; B. OTTAWA 385

1. NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) SECRETARY BRIAN WHITTLE INFORMED EMBOFF AT 1700 HOURS TODAY THAT BOARD WILL AUTHORIZE EXPORT OF GAS IN PLACE OF ONTARIO HYDRO ELECTRICITY AS DISCUSSED REFTELS. UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT NATURAL GAS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN BURNED BY RICHARD HEARN PLANT AT TORONTO WILL BE EXPORTED BY TRANSCANADA PIPELINE THROUGH TENNECO PLANT AT NIAGRA. LICENSE WILL AUTHORIZE EXPORT OF 1.2 BILLION CUBIC FEET OF GAS OVER 30-DAY PERIOD. IN EXCHANGE NEB UNDERSTANDS THAT NEW YORK POWER POOL WILL GUARANTEE PEAK LOAN COVERAGE OF ONTARIO HYDRO.

2. PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL B INDICATED NEB CHAIRMAN
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CROWE WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER GAS AVAILABLE IN SUCH A SWAP WOULD INCREASE THE ROUGLY 400 MILLION CUBIC FEET AVERAGE DAILY FLOW ALREADY MOVING TO COLUMBIA GAS UNDER PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY EXPORT. NEB EXPERT CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF TODAY THAT FLOW, IN FACT, WOULD BE INCREASED BECAUSE GAS WOULD COME FROM RESERVE THAT RICHARD HEARN PLANT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE HELD TO

COVER PEAK LOAD. HE EXPECTED HEARN WOULD BURN ONLY
SMALL AMOUNTS OF GAS TO MEET AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
REQUIREMENTS.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM NEB THAT AUTHORIZATION
FOR THIS EXPORT ARRANGEMENT WILL GO FORWARD AS SOON
AS NEB GETS GO-AHEAD FROM FPC WHICH HAS BEEN INFORMED
OF PROPOSAL BY CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
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